

## Introduction to the Season

Through participation in the whole sequence of Services this week, we share in Christ's own journey, from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem today, Palm Sunday to the empty tomb on Easter morning.

This year's recorded Liturgy of the Palms is accompanied by the reading of the Passion Narrative, in which the whole story of the week is anticipated.

Maundy Thursday contains a rich complex of themes: humble Christian service expressed through Christ's washing of his disciples' feet (*this year for one person only*), the institution of the Eucharist, the perfection of Christ's loving obedience through the agony of Gethsemane.

After 'the Watch', Maundy Thursday passes into Good Friday, when this year we will broadcast the Stations of the Cross and the Meditation.

There will be no in-person worship for the Liturgy of Good Friday but it will be livestreamed. As customary there will be no celebration of the Eucharist but the consecrated bread remaining from the Maundy Thursday Eucharist will be given in communion (*to the sanctuary and music teams who will be livestreaming the Liturgy*).

Within the silence of the Triduum, there grows a sense of peace and completion, then rising excitement at the 5.30am Easter Vigil and 10am Parish Mass, on Easter Day.

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### The Bishop's Lent Call continues

(<https://southwark.anglican.org/news-events/events/lent-call/>)

The theme this year is food insecurity and our focus is on food banks in the Diocese and projects in our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem.

For very understandable reasons, last year's Lent Call only produced enough to support the small number of identified special projects, for which Bishop Christopher is grateful. However, we were not able to give to our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe. Please give some thought as to how best to give generously to support food insecure families living in Southwark and also in our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem. *Please consider making a thank offering - for example, those receiving their vaccination might be encouraged to donate to the Lent Call once they've had it or in retrospect.* **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

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**#GiveLent** hopes that you're continuing to fill up that money jar (with real money or IOUs) during this final week of Lent, ready to pay in the total saving to St Mark in person or via the Donate Page on the website, where it can be Gift Aided, so St. Mark can receive the .25p in every £, from your contributions!  
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In place of the Easter Fair this year, St Mark will be hosting a Raffle to be drawn next Sunday, Easter Day. Raffle tickets on sale from today, £5 per strip. First prize is a grand Hamper which will include a Simnel Cake.

We're also asking for donations to the Hamper – Easter Eggs, toiletries, wine, any 'hamper worthy' items – *please be generous with your donations and raffle ticket purchases!*  
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**Easter at St Mark** (under the auspices of Churches Together in South Norwood) continues this year on **Easter Monday** – providing a meal for those who live on their own in the parishes and beyond. As per Christmas at St. Mark, we need volunteer drivers – please see Cicelyn.

**Advance Notice: Quiz Night @St. Mark – 24<sup>th</sup> April**

# Welcome to the United Benefice of Holy Innocents & St. Mark, South Norwood

Sharing God's grace and love in our community



**28<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Vicar:** The Revd. Canon Roxanne Eversley  
**Asst. Priest:** Mother Susan Wheeler-Kiley

## PALM SUNDAY

(Commemoration of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem)

**10.00am Liturgy of the Passion**

**President, Mother Susan**

Isaiah 50.4-9 \* Psalm 31.9-16 \* Philippians 2.5-11 \* Mark 15

Access online worship via

[www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood](http://www.youtube.com/c/StMarksSouthNorwood)

## This week's diary

Mon. – Sunday 29 Mar. - 4 Apr.	Week 6 #LiveLent	12noon online only Daily Reflections
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Maundy Thursday	10.00am Mass at Holy Innocents 8.00pm Mass at St. Mark
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Good Friday	Liturgy Livestreamed from St. Mark - 1pm
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Day	5.30am Dawn Vigil 10am Parish Mass

## CHURCH NOTICES

**Pastoral Care:** Mother Roxanne is available on Tel. 020 8916 1830 or 07723 038215 or [mtrroxanne@gmail.com](mailto:mtrroxanne@gmail.com)

Mother Roxanne is not available on Mondays.

Mother Susan (07890 780572) not available on Fridays.

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**For your prayers:** Archbishops Justin and Stephen; Bishops Christopher, Jonathan, Richard and Karowei in this Diocese; the Bishops in our link Dioceses in Zimbabwe.

**For All Saints, Hatcham Park** Grant Bolton-Debbage (V); John Francis (AsstP); Angus Galbraith (PTO); Rebecca Williams (SPA). **For** the Nigerian Anglican Chaplaincy - Venerable Joseph Ajaefobi (Leader)

**For Millwall Football Club**, central to the Ecumenical life of this church and the community - Owen Beament (Chaplain).

**For Bishops, priests, people of Hong Kong Anglican church.**

**For the sick** – Enid, Alec, Una, Claude & Richard, Helen, Linda, Jennifer and Reuben, Marie-Gabrielle, Vera, Barry & Valerie, Sheila, Andrew (Scorgie), Rose, Allison, Caroline, Gillian, Donald & Sigi, Anecka, Monica, Dennis, Rosemary, CP, Joanne, Melanie. **For the bereaved** – the Allen, Muanza, Etienne, Clerk and Black families. **For the recently departed** – Linton Allen, Fernando Muanza, William Etienne, Hannah Clerk, Roy Black. **Years Mind.**  
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A reminder to follow the COVID-19 guidelines for public worship – please wear a mask unless exempt, hand sanitise as you enter the Church, register your presence either through your NHS APP or by adding your name and contact number to the Register, maintain your distance while at Church and please leave the building directly after the Mass concludes.

## COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,  
 who in your tender love towards the  
 human race sent your Son our Saviour  
 Jesus Christ  
 to take upon him our flesh  
 and to suffer death upon the cross:  
 grant that we may follow the example  
 of his patience and humility,  
 and also be made partakers of his  
 resurrection;  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 who is alive and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

## LITURGY OF THE PALMS

### GOSPEL

Either **Mark 11:1-11**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

When Jesus and his disciples were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

Or **John 12:12-16**

## LITURGY OF THE PASSION

### FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The servant of the LORD said: The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens – awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

### PSALM Psalm 31:9-16

**R** I have trusted in you, O Lord.  
 (I have said, "You are my God.")

or

**R** My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;  
 my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
 and also my throat and my belly.  
 For my life is wasted with grief,  
 and my years with sighing;  
 my strength fails me because of affliction,  
 and my bones are consumed. **R**

I have become a reproach to all my enemies  
 and even to my neighbours,  
 a dismay to those of my acquaintance;  
 when they see me in the street they avoid me.

I am forgotten like the dead, out of mind;  
 I am as useless as a broken pot. **R**

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;  
 fear is all around;  
 they put their heads together against me;  
 they plot to take my life.  
 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.  
 I have said, "You are my God. **R**

My times are in your hand;  
 rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
 and from those who persecute me.  
 Make your face to shine upon your servant,  
 and in your loving-kindness save me." **R**

### SECOND READING Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### PASSION

Either **Mark 14:1 – 15:47**

Or **Mark 15:1-39 [40-end]**

### POST COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,  
 you humbled yourself in taking the form  
 of a servant,  
 and in obedience died on the cross for  
 our salvation:  
 give us the mind to follow you  
 and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
 to the glory of God the Father.